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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 7, line 13, before the word "and" please insert the following paragraph:

--Fig. 9A illustrates use of a blunt cannula for accessing the implanted port through an established tissue tract according to the methods of the present invention;--

On page 14, starting at line 5, please insert the following paragraph:

--In some cases, after the access tissue tract is established ETT, it will not be necessary to provide a sharpened element in order to assist in percutaneous

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